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Subject: Town Hall on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, the CAG, EPA TASC, and the PPG
Date: 10/17/2010 02:03 AM
Attachments: [TownHallMeetingAgendaandUpdate6c.pdf](#)
[C6SSMACAGENDA052709.pdf](#)
[Motion 2 Health Risk Assessment for Hidden Lake, the Chatsworth Reservoir, and the L.A. River System.pdf](#)
[Motion 4 - Inclusion in the SSFL Workgroup CR.pdf](#)
[Motion1HealthRiskAssessmentfor2mileperiphery-DBCR.pdf](#)
[Motion3-FormalAdvisoryBodyfortheSSFL-CRDB.pdf](#)
[Petition DTSC form2.pdf](#)

Dear Secretary Adams,

Today I am going back in time. Where was I and where was the West Hills Neighborhood Council (WHNC) two years ago? (Please begin at the bottom and read the first two emails, and see the attachments).

Two years ago, I requested that the WHNC plan and sponsor a Town Hall on Santa Susana. I had a dream that I had planned and I began to implement with the help of my Co Chair Joanne Yvanek- Garb and other WHNC Board members. (Please see the attachment)

I believe that at that point in time, we had a few elected officials on Board. I believe that we had the commitments from some but not all of the RPs and agency leaders.

We were trying to do a - "save the date" - to see who we could count on before the formal invitations went out to everyone.

Below is the response that I got from Norm Riley. He basically said that DTSC could not support a West Hills event, and that we should go to the SSFL Workgroup for our questions. But the Workgroup is not there for the kind of *unbiased educational* event that I hoped to achieve.

You could understand why, after this email, and the attack emails that I got from community members when they got this email from Norm just two days before Christmas two years ago, that I am not happy with the Workgroup. I got emails from many community members accusing me of wanting to only show the "Boeing point of view". These emails even came on Christmas Day.

Please look at the elected officials that I wanted to invite - that I wanted in the room at the same time to discuss what really was happening at Santa Susana - with Norm Riley of DTSC as the SSFL Project Manager, and DTSC as the lead agency.

Fast forward to a meeting of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee (SSMAC) in May 2009. I am the elected Vice Chair of SSMAC, and I am the Acting Chair.

I create an agenda. I submit it publicly under the Brown Act. And community members come in to deliberately block my efforts to control a meeting. **They want the agency leaders and RPs only to attend the Workgroup meetings. They do not want my Motions to move**

forward to the full WHNC Board. Please see my Agenda for that meeting and the Motions - attached.

Many of you received these documents at the time. However, there are many new people, and I want them to understand why I have preferred the DTSC Roundtable format, and also why I oppose the Workgroup which I believe is not representative of the SSFL local residents.

Finally, in the summer of 2009, the EPA TASC team came to Chatsworth. I had made a personal request for TASC. It had gone to SSMAC for a vote. And it had been approved by the full WHNC in August 2009.

http://www.westhillsnc.org/uploads/2009_August_5_Minutes.pdf

"09-0027 – Discussion and possible action relating to: Supporting Assembly Bill 102, T.A.S.C. & E.E.I. Education Programs and Policy Guidelines for West Hills Neighborhood Council committees

Dr. Daniel Wiseman presented a proposed letter to Assemblyman Cameron Smyth in support of

Assembly Bill 102 and modifications as proposed by the Santa Susana Mountain Park Association. Dr. Wiseman moved that the board approve sending of the letter. There was discussion on the wording of the letter. The motion to send the letter passed. A second motion was made to strike "our sister organization" from the letter. The motion passed.

Dr. Wiseman presented a letter to David Cooper, Community Involvement Coordinator (for

T.A.S.C.) and Andrea Lewis, Assistant Secretary for Education & Quality Programs (for E.E.I.),

requesting the services of the two newly created educational opportunities introduced and

discussed at the July 22, 2009, meeting of the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee. Dr.

Wiseman moved that the Board approved sending of the letter. Motion passed.

Dr. Wiseman presented proposed policies for West Hills Neighborhood Council committees. After much discussion the motion was made that the recommendations be applied to the Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee. Motion passed. Ms. Jacquie Young moved that the recommendation to apply the policies to all committees be postponed. Motion passed."

Today, I know that at least two of these meetings had deliberate actions to block my efforts from emails written by Dan Hirsch. They include the agenda to the meeting of last May, and the email refers to my attempts to bring in the EPA TASC team.

The WHNC Public Health and Safety Committee has voted upon a renewal of the request for EPA TASC to be brought to the Santa Susana Field Lab cleanup.

http://www.westhillsnc.org/uploads/PUB_HEALTH_September_3_2010_agenda.pdf (the minutes are not posted yet - but it did pass).

I have tried to get this item on our WHNC Board agenda to renew our WHNC request.

I had a conference call several months ago with Dana Barton and David Cooper of the EPA and Susan Callery of DTSC. The goal of that call was to offer the EPA TASC services in conjunction with the DTSC's public participation.

http://www.westhillsnc.org/uploads/2009_Dec_2_Minutes.pdf

"06-0092 – Santa Susana Mountain Area Committee (SSMAC)

Dr. Daniel Wiseman advised that he is resigning as chair of this committee. Dr. Wiseman stated

that the amount of work required is too much for one person. Dr. Wiseman reported that in the latest draft agreement between DTSC and the three SSFL owners/operators (Boeing, DOE & NASA) DTSC is requiring strict adherence to SB 990. None of the owners/operators have signed the document.

Dr. Wiseman moved that the draft of the September 29, 2009 Special Meeting be accepted and posted to the SSMAC page of the WHNC website. Motion carried

Dr. Wiseman advised that the committee wished to have the board entertain a motion on whether

the WHNC and its SSMAC create or participate in a Community Action Group. It is really

multiple motions;

1 - Should we join a community action group?;

2 - Should we form a Community Action group within the WHNC? ; or

3 – Should we reject any formal relationship?

Board member Mr. Alec Uzameck gave an overview of the recommendations and his position.

Board member Ms. Joanne Yvanek-Garb stated that she does not know where these recommendations are coming from as they were not discussed at the last SSMAC meeting and

she questioned whether we could become involved in a state and/or federal matter.

Stakeholder Ms. Bonnie Klea, advised that she became an advocate in 1995 and she is not in

favor of creating a Community Action Group.

Stakeholder Mr. John Luker advised that the DTSC resources are strained. He stated that the CAG was designed for people who did not know how to get in touch with their elected officials. It is really for those not informed or educated on the problem, which is definitely not the case.

Board member Mr. Ed Young, stated that we should check with the City Attorney and get a legal opinion before taking any action.

Board member, Ms. Chris Rowe, advised that she spoke to Susan Callery who advised that there is the potential for additional CAG applications and they may have to go to Secretary Linda Adams.

Ms. Holly Huff advised the board that she decided not to join any CAG in Ventura County and

came to the meeting tonight to encourage us to do the same.

Dr. Wiseman moved that we join and/or form a Community Action Group. Motion failed.

Dr. Wiseman advised that the committee has provided recommendations for election of officers

for the SSMAC. This matter was tabled."

Fast forward to February 2010. Alec Uzameck is circulating a petition that states that there should not be any additional groups besides the DTSC Roundtable and the SSFL Workgroup.

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From: Alec Uzemeck [mailto:FX-6 Personal Privacy]
Sent: Tuesday, **February 16, 2010 7:43 AM**
To: Alec E-mail (FX-6 Personal Privacy)
Subject:

"I feel that there is an alternative to the Community Advisory Group (CAG) that is being proposed by some community members and this plan is to modify and expand the existing meetings that are already being held at the DTSC Chatsworth office. These meetings along with the SSFL Interagency Meetings will provide the information flow to keep the public informed and involved.

I have prepared a letter to DTSC and a **petition** form that is attached to this e-mail. If you agree with this idea then sign the **petition** and get other like-minded folks to sign. Please return the forms to me at the next DTSC meeting at Chatsworth on March 1st or e-mail me a note and I will arrange to pick up your signed form. With these in hand I will mail the package to DTSC."

Mr. Uzemeck has stated that he circulated this petition as a stakeholder - not as a WHNC Board member. As the petitioner who blocked the formation of a CAG - Mr. Uzemeck did not feel that there was a need for the additional meetings.

Today, I do not know my fate relative to my request to be on the Public Participation Group (PPG). I do know that my Board President told me that because Alec Uzemeck is the Chair of the "Environment Committee", he recommended him to be on the PPG.

I find it quite interesting that Alec, as the person who ran the opposition to any CAG at the WHNC, would then be the one appointed to the group by the WHNC. **Our WHNC Board is not aware that Alec carried that petition in opposition to a CAG.**

So today, I do not know the status of the Public Participation Group. I know that I submitted an application as a Member at Large. I know that I asked my Board Chair to appoint me. However, Alec is the Chair of the "Environment Committee". And the "Environment Committee" focuses on environmental issues including Santa Susana.

I believe that the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Lab is a **Public Health and Public safety issue** as well as an environmental issue. **SB 990** falls under the California "Senate Bill No. 990 CHAPTER 729 An act to add Article 5.5 (commencing with Section 25359.20) to Chapter 6.8 of Division 20, of the **Health and Safety Code, relating to hazardous waste.**"

I believe that I have shown my support for a broad based "Roundtable" at DTSC. I am one of the most actively engaged community members.

I would like to know what the status is of the PPG, and if I have been selected as a Member At Large. I believe my emails and these documents show my support for a CAG or a PPG.

I do hope that you can see that I try to represent my community of West Hills to the best of my ability (see my Motions attached). I do hope that I am selected to be on the PPG.

Thank you.

Chris Rowe

In a message dated **12/9/2008** 9:17:57 A.M. Pacific Standard Time, NRiley@dtsc.ca.gov writes:

Ms. Rowe,

DTSC will not be attending this meeting. As I have explained to West Hills Neighborhood Council members and others on several occasions, DTSC does not have the time, money, or other resources required to participate in ancillary activities. An organized forum for public participation, namely the "SSFL Community Workgroup," already exists and meets on a quarterly basis to serve the interests outlined in your note. DTSC is a member of the Workgroup and a regular participant in the meetings of that organization. All of the topics included on your agenda and many others are discussed at the meetings of this long-established working group. DTSC encourages all persons interested in learning more about the SSFL to attend these meetings and to visit the websites developed by DTSC and others. If you have any questions about the aforementioned Workgroup meetings or about DTSC's web pages, please contact Ms. Susan Callery at her office number: (818) 717-6567. Thank you for your invitation and good luck with your town hall event.

Norman E. Riley
SSFL Project Director

>>> **FX-6 Personal Privacy 12/8/2008 10:38 PM** >>>

Dear Mr. Riley, Ms. Moutoux, Ms. Fellows, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Owens, Mr. Hung, Mr. Dempsey, and Ms. Jameson,

As you know, I am planning a "Town Hall on the Santa Susana Field Laboratory". The locked date is March 14th, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The location is Canoga Park High. The auditorium seats 750 people. My Co Chair is Joanne Yvanek- Garb. It will be sponsored by the West Hills Neighborhood Council with support from Council member Zine and "DONE" - the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.

A mission statement will be developed ASAP. You will have prepared questions. There will be no community members on the stage (in my plan).

The idea of this event is to educate the community. It is to tell them the history of the SSFL site from Boeing's, NASA's, and the DOE's point of view.

It is to address the issues such as the order to create the EIS for AREA IV. It will address SB 990 - from the authors viewpoints - Senator Kuehl and Assemblywoman Brownley.

It will address the future use of the site - Boeing's and NASA's plans.

It will address the different interpretations of SB 990 by the various owners, operators, and agency leaders.

It will address the levels of cleanup in language that the community can understand. And it will address the costs - residential cleanup, agricultural (100% of food), and parkland.

Can I plan on you all being at this important event for our community?

I am trying very hard to find someone neutral that could address health risk - a PHD health physicist. That may be hard to find. I would also hope that Gregg Dempsey and even Jerry Hensley may be able to weigh in even though Jerry has left CDPH. Jerry has a lot of knowledge in his brain that we do not want to waste.

My goal is to allay the fears of some community members that believe that all of their cancers and illnesses are caused by this site. I hope to get in contact with the UCLA Department of Public Health and/ or Dr. Morgenstern to see if they would be willing to address these issues.

Please let me know that you will support this event.

Once I have assurances that the agencies and Boeing are on board, we will be able to send out official invitations.

Thank you.

Chris Rowe

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**The WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL's
SANTA SUSANA MOUNTAIN AREA COMMITTEE
AGENDA**

WEDNESDAY, May 27, 2009 @ 7:00 p.m.

at the Fairwinds Retirement Center, 8138 Woodlake Ave, West Hills

(the Southwest corner of Roscoe and Woodlake – enter from Woodlake)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** and **SELF-INTRODUCTION OF PARTICIPANTS** with **BRIEF** elaboration of recent activities, conferences, meetings or communications of interest.
2. **APPROVAL of the AGENDA**
3. **CHAIRPERSON's COMMENTS:**
4. **Tom Seckington, a hydrogeologist with DTSC for the Santa Susana Field Lab project will be discussing the "Dynamics of surface and deep water flow at SSFL".**
5. Allen Elliott and Merrilee Fellows of NASA will be present to update our committee on the Santa Susana Field Lab portion owned by NASA. We are in a public comment period with DTSC for the cleanup of AREA II and the LOX area which are owned by NASA. "THE GROUP 2 RCRA FACILITY - Public Comment Period: April 20, 2009 – June 4, 2009"
[http://www.dtsc-ssfl.com/files/lib pub involve/pub notices/3758 SSFLGroup2%20PN409.pdf](http://www.dtsc-ssfl.com/files/lib_pub_involve/pub_notices/3758_SSFLGroup2%20PN409.pdf)
6. **W. James Biederman of the U.S. Federal General Services Administration (G.S.A.) will be present to explain the process that NASA must go through when they decide that they have no further use for a particular property.**
7. **Thomas Johnson and Stephanie Jennings of ETEC (DOE) will make a report on the AREA IV cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Lab.**
8. **Alec Uzameck of the WHNC will report on the current status of the Corporate Pointe site. There will be discussions regarding this property in regards to recent sampling required by DTSC and an Order for Sampling from the LARWQCB.**
- 9) **Action Items - Motions to take to the full Board on June 3, 2009:**
 - 1) **A Motion by the WHNC Board to request that a formal group be formed that recognizes all of the communities that are impacted by the Santa Susana Field Lab. This motion will be formalized prior to the meeting and discussed.**

2) A recommendation by the WHNC Board that the existing SSFL Workgroup be required to include representatives from the many groups involved in the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory. There are only two community members on the Workgroup at this time – they represent Simi Valley.

3) The request for a health risk analysis for the communities surrounding the Santa Susana Field Lab.

4) The request for a health risk analysis for the communities surrounding the Corporate Pointe site.

10. Discussion on the proceedings of the TASC meeting of May 26th

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS of Important Meetings.

a. TASC Meeting – Tuesday, May 26th, 2009, 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM at the Radisson Hotel, 9777 Topanga Canyon Blvd, Chatsworth. This is a meeting with the EPA to discuss getting help from experts to read technical documents.

b. Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup Meeting - Thursday, May 28th, 2009, 6:30M – 10:00 PM. Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, 3050 Los Angeles Avenue, Simi Valley, CA 93063

12. Communication with other concerned groups, agencies, and government officials.

13. PREPARATIONS for our next meeting – June 24 – Fairwinds – 7 p.m.

a. Chatsworth Nature Preserve

b. San Fernando Valley Aquifer System

c. Stormwater and the Los Angeles River system

d. Dayton Canyon - a request for a new EIR

e. Orcutt Ranch – is it safe to eat the fruit and vegetables grown there?

14. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

Whereas the West Hills Neighborhood Council is an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles under the Los Angeles City Charter to the Mayor, the City Council, and to all city agencies;

Whereas Proposition O was passed by the voters of Los Angeles in 2004 to clean up the surface water, storm water, and ground water of Los Angeles:

“Proposition O, overwhelmingly approved by LA City residents in the November 2004 election, authorizes the City to issue \$500 million in general bonds for watershed protection projects that enhance **public health and our environment by: cleaning up and preventing pollution of our waterways and beaches**

**improving or protecting water quality
providing flood protection
increasing water conservation
increasing habitat protection
increasing open space”**

http://www.lacity.org/san/watershed_protection/prop_o.htm

Whereas Hidden Lake is a lake within the community of West Hills that has previously been sampled and found to have “Contaminants of Concern”:

Whereas the Chatsworth Nature Preserve aka: Chatsworth Reservoir is partly in West Hills, and it has been demonstrated in the past that “Chemicals of Concern” were found in this property;

Whereas the Los Angeles River headwater in the western boundary begins at the Santa Susana Field Lab and flows via Bell Creek and other tributaries into the Los Angeles River System;

Whereby the property currently known as “Corporate Pointe” is a RCRA site under the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (LARWQCB) and the California State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC);

Whereas the LARWQCB has determined that there is “Radionuclides above Background” and “Contaminants of Concern” on or migrating off the Corporate Pointe property;

Whereas there has been an higher than average number of cases of bladder cancer in the census tracts on each side of Roscoe Blvd in West Hills according to the Department of Health Cancer Registry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council hereby recommends a health risk assessment for the properties surrounding the Corporate Pointe site beginning with those that are within one mile of the Corporate Pointe site and its drainages.

BE IT BE RESOLVED that West Hills Neighborhood Council requests the assistance of its Mayor, City Council members, its agency leaders, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, its State and Federal representatives, in requesting a health risk study for this area which will utilize specialists including physicians that specialize in Environmental Health assessment, scientists with a PHD including chemists and nuclear health physicists, nuclear engineers, toxicologists, and other specialists that could help the community members understand the health risks offsite of the Corporate Pointe site.

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council requests that they be made available all City and County services that will determine the “Contaminants of Concern” that will impact our groundwater, storm water, and the “Contaminants of Concern” that will affect the Los Angeles River System under the “Clean Water Act”.

Respectfully submitted by **CHRISTINE ROWE**

WHEREAS the West Hills Neighborhood Council is an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, to the Mayor, to the City Council and to all city agencies; and

WHEREAS, according to the Los Angeles City Charter, Neighborhood Councils are commissioned to promote public participation in City governance and decision-making processes and facilitate delivery of City services and City government responses to neighborhood problems; and

WHEREAS, the City is charged with helping Neighborhood Councils identify and prioritize their needs and to communicate those needs effectively; and

WHEREAS the community of West Hills is almost completely within the four-mile periphery of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory; and

WHEREAS residents of West Hills must disclose the proximity of their homes to the Santa Susana Field Laboratory in the event of the sale of their property; and

WHEREAS the Santa Susana Field Laboratory has met the legal criteria set by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to be a Superfund site or have a National Priorities Listing; and

WHEREAS, the community of West Hills falls under both the “CANOGA PARK – WINNETKA – WOODLAND HILLS – WEST HILLS Community Plan”:

<http://www.lacity.org/PLN/complan/pdf/cpkcptxt.pdf>

and the “CHATSWORTH – PORTER RANCH Community Plan”:

<http://www.lacity.org/pln/complan/pdf/chtcptxt.pdf>;

WHEREAS West Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Chatsworth, and other Neighborhood Councils are impacted by the storm water runoff, ground water, or winds blown from the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site aka: Rocketdyne,

WHEREAS the California Environmental Protection Agency is the lead agency in the cleanup of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site,

WHEREAS the “Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup” is recognized by the California Environmental Protection Agency as a formal group at which the community can communicate with agency leaders and government official’s representatives.,

WHEREAS the “Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup” only has two community representatives,

WHEREAS the “Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup” is funded by tax payer dollars from the federal EPA,

WHEREAS there is no mechanism to add new members to the “Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup”,

WHEREAS the “Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup” is not required to follow any laws such as the “Brown Act” for public participation in California,

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council requests a formal group to be formed that recognizes all of the communities, environmental groups, cultural groups, and other

entities that may be impacted by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, and includes in its membership representatives thereof, be included in the membership of the “Santa Susana Field Lab Workgroup” and that all applicable state laws regarding the Brown Act and other similar acts hereby apply to the Workgroup.

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council respectfully requests that its Mayor, City Council members, County Board of Supervisors, State and Federal Representatives, hereby support the West Hills Neighborhood Council in its goal of an inclusive community outreach body for the Santa Susana Field Lab remediation and future planning goals.

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WHEREAS the Santa Susana Field Laboratory has met the legal criteria set by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency to be a Superfund site or have a National Priorities Listing; and

WHEREAS the area of West Hills known as Dayton Canyon has had a history of extremely elevated levels of perchlorates and other Chemicals of Concern, as well as radionuclides above “background” levels; and

WHEREAS Dayton Canyon is within about 1-2 miles of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory; and

WHEREAS the Los Angeles city park known as Orcutt Ranch is within the community of West Hills, and Orcutt Ranch has had samples of perchlorates in an area that is in the drainage pathway from Dayton Canyon; and

WHEREAS there has been an higher than average number of cases of bladder cancer in the census tracts on each side of Roscoe Boulevard in West Hills according to the Department of Health Cancer Registry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council recommends that a health risk assessment be made for the properties surrounding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, beginning with those that are within two miles of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory and its drainages; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council requests the assistance of the Mayor, City Council members, agency leaders, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and state and federal representatives in enlisting for this health risk study the services of physicians who specialize in environmental health assessments, as well as chemists, nuclear health physicists, nuclear engineers, toxicologists and others who can help stakeholders understand the health risks related to their proximity to the Santa Susana Field Laboratories.

Respectfully submitted by CHRISTINE ROWE.

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WHEREAS the community of West Hills falls under both the Canoga Park-Winnetka-Woodland Hills-West Hills Community Plan and the Chatsworth-Porter Ranch Community Plan; and

WHEREAS the Chatsworth-Porter Ranch plan was created, in part, to provide “an official guide to the future development of the Community for the use of the City Council, the Mayor, the City Planning Commission; other concerned governmental agencies; residents, property owners and businessmen of the Community; and private organizations concerned with planning and civic betterment”; and

WHEREAS the Plan is intended to “promote an arrangement of land use, circulation, and services which will encourage and contribute to the economic, social and physical health, safety, welfare, and convenience of the Community” and “contribute to a healthful and pleasant environment”; and

WHEREAS West Hills, Canoga Park, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Chatsworth and other Neighborhood Councils are affected by storm water runoff, ground water and winds blown from the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site;

BE IT RESOLVED that the West Hills Neighborhood Council requests formation of an advisory group that recognizes all of the communities, environmental groups, cultural groups and other entities that may be affected by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory and includes in its membership representatives of all of these groups.

Respectfully submitted by CHRISTINE ROWE.

Petition to the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)
Regarding the Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL)

Rather than creation of one more group to provide information to and advice from the community about the SSFL cleanup, we urge DTSC to enhance the existing public information and advice processes, in particular by building on the existing structure and process of the meetings held at the DTSC Chatsworth office and to continue support for the SSFL Inter-Agency Work Group.

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**City of Los Angeles/ City of Simi Valley/ County of Los Angeles/ County of Ventura/
State of California**

Invites you to attend the

TOWN HALL EVENT

ON THE

SANTA SUSANA FIELD LABORATORY / AKA: ROCKETDYNE

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**Joanne Yvanek - Garb
Chris Rowe
Co Chairs - Town Hall Meeting**

Town Hall Meeting Agenda and Update

Possible Dates: Saturday March 14 or March 21, 2009

Potential Venues:

Canoga Park HS Auditorium (seats 750) March 14th better for them
Dr. Margret Kearns 673-1308 – liability insurance required;
restrooms – custodial fees – no facility rental fee; did not discuss
food
Chaminade Big Auditorium
Pierce College Theater/Auditorium – only holds 350
CSUN Theater

Budget - \$2000.00 approved by Budget Committee as line item

Panel Members:

Senator Barbara Boxer
Senator Diane Feinstein
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
California Lt. Governor John Garamendi
CAL EPA Secretary Linda Adams
Attorney General Jerry Brown
Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa
Simi Valley Mayor Paul Miller
Rep. Henry Waxman
Rep. Brad Sherman

County Supervisor Michael Antonovich
County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky
Councilman Greg Smith
Councilman Dennis Zine
State Senator Sheila Kuehl
Assembly woman Julia Brownley

Thomas Gallacher – Boeing
Merrilee Fellows – NASA
Allen Elliott - NASA
Thomas Johnson - DOE
Norman Riley – DTSC
Nicole Moutoux - EPA
Cassandra Owens – LA RWQCB
David Hung – LA RWQCB
Tracy Egoscue – LA RWQCB

Beverly Salazar Folkes – Chumash
Rudy Ortega Jr. - Tataviam

Other special guests including future elected officials
Boeing Storm Water Panel and other experts

Based on Elections:

Congressman Elton Gallegly or Congresswoman Marta Jorgensen
Assemblyman Cameron Smyth or Assemblywoman Carole Lutness
Assembly woman Audra Strickland or Assemblywoman Ferial Masry
Assemblyman Lloyd Levine termed out – Bob Blumenfield or Armineh Chelebian
Senator Kuehl termed out – Fran Pavley or Rick Montaine
State Senator: Hannah Beth Jackson or Tony Strickland

Additional Elected Officials:

Los Angeles City Attorney Mary Decker
City Councilwoman Wendy Greuel
City Councilman Eric Garcetti
City Councilwoman Janice Hahn
Members of the Simi Valley City Council –
Michelle S. Foster
Barbara Williamson
Glen T. Becerra
Steven T. Sojka

Members of the Ventura County Board of Supervisors –
Linda Parks
Steve Benett
Kathy Long
Peter C. Foy – Chair
John K. Flynn

Sponsors: West Hills Neighborhood Council

Participants: Canoga Park NC
Woodland Hills NC
Chatsworth NC
Winnetka NC
Tarzana NC
Reseda NC

Moderator:

Media Invitees: Channels 2, 4,5, 7, 9, 11,13
LA City TV

Daily News
LA Times
Ventura County Star
ACORN

Professional Videographer for future use.

This should be a full day event – like our Congress of Neighborhoods
Therefore, there should be adequate parking, comfortable seating for all,
Handicap assessable

We need to provide a method of getting lunch – for sale or paid for?

Provide Water and other drinks

Informative literature

Bags with West Hills Neighborhood Council – Sponsor

Small notepads and pens with West Hills Neighborhood Council